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# MOSQUITOCON 26

## Model Contest • April 1, 2017

This year's show theme is: **"The Cold War"**, at the **Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ (973-696-2896)**

- Best Aircraft
- Best Armor
- Best Civilian
- Best "Cold War"
- Best Ship
- Judge's Best
- Tailhook Award
- Trifecta category
- Club "Make & Take"
- Raffles and Prizes
- Wall to wall vendors
- Hot food available
- Doors open at 9:00 AM
- Judging begins at noon
- Parking in back of PAL



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**Registration info:** Adults-\$15 (includes unlimited model entries). Walk-In-\$10. Kids under 16-\$5 (children under 12 free). Active members of the military are also free. No bills larger than a \$50.

**For 26 years the "Best modeling contest in New Jersey"**

# The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. Hope you mall had a great holiday season. I did. I actually had time to get things done and enjoy what little there is of my life!

It's been a long time being in the club for me as is many of you. I have enjoyed all of it as well. It has been a pleasure to know you guys for so very long. Can't believe all of these years have gone by so fast but it is what it is and I have few regrets. Hope I live to 90-ish. LOL. We will see. Hope you all live long and good as well. Happy New Year, Many more!!!!

Not much new club wise. The Eboard has started work on the show. The rest is up to you guys on show day. I will let you know any new info but you guys are pro's at doing the show so no new things here. Next up, Thanks to Big John for the unexpected present to the Eboard. The glasses are

beautiful and one of the nicest things I have gotten in a long time. Thanks again John! Well other than the other blah blah blah, I am done. With that said, I will see you all at the meeting next Friday. Oh yeah, Big Shout out to Glenda and Harmon for doing the Party. Great as usual. Good friends, good food and drink, don't get any better boys and girls. Have a great New Year, Live long and do well in life

Regards, Big Bill

~"Big Bill"

## From the Vice President's Desk

By Joe Smith

I hope that Santa has been very kind to everyone, and to remember are men & women across the globe, who make our Holidays very possible!

I would like to thank Devin for a great & very enjoyable newsletter for the many years he has been the editor!

Happy New Year  
Joe Smith  
~ *Joe Smith*

Next Meeting:  
Friday,  
January  
13th

Upcoming Events:

January  
Out of the  
Box Night

February  
Chrysler  
Night

March  
Nostalgia  
Night

March 25th  
Replicon 28

April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mosquito-  
Con

July 26-29  
IPMS  
Nationals,  
Omaha,  
NE

September  
Primary  
and  
Secondary  
Colors  
Night

# From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

Nothing much going on here, highlight of Christmas family get together was seeing my grand-niece for the first time. Hope you and your family's all had a great Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

Vince

~ *Vince*

## THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

We've come to it at last, the dawn of a new year. A lot has changed since January 1, 2016. The club has lost members, but has gained members. We had an outstanding 25th MosquitoCon. All of our parties were filled with great food, drink and laughter. Many great kits were built, and from what I read and have heard the guys did well at shows all across the nation. 2016 has been a polarizing year for many. Dozens of celebrities were lost, the Cubs won the world series (Go Mets!) The Cleveland Cavaliers came back to beat the Golden State Warriors in an unheard of performance, and Donald Trump became president. It seemed like a year where Murphy's Law was in full effect. I hope 2017 is more fair to everyone, and that all benefit from peace and prosperity.

Onto the business end of things. Barring a major snow storm washout, I will be hosting a Out of the Box night in January, February will be the Chrysler night and March Nostalgia night. We need sponsors for the remainder of the year. I may sponsor another Sci-Fi night in September if nobody else chooses that month.

I think a lot of members do not really understanding how the voting system works and why it's so important (to me at least), so I'm going to explain it in this issue of the Mosquitogram. Every first place vote constitutes as 5 points for that model/builder, a second place vote is 3 points and a third place vote is 1 point. I tally all the points together to determine the top 3 land/sea and air models of the month. Then, the total number of points is logged in a separate excel sheet with each members name. For example, in January I might receive 15 points, February 27, March 8, etc... The top three members with the most points at the end of the year receive the three builders of the year awards! When we have a fair turnout it makes my job all that much easier!

Lastly, I'd like to thank Devin for his outstanding contributions to the club. He has really helped turn our newsletter into the premier one it has become in the modeling world. Devin (and Martin) are the two people that introduced me to the club almost 10 years ago now when I was simply a member of the Modelwarships message board. I hope 2017 is an incredibly successful year for him



and all of our fellow members. With that, I will see you all on the second Friday of

January (weather permitting) Jon  
~Jon

## The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing time over the Holidays. Our club party in December was one of the best ever. The room was filled with laughter, good cheer and good memories. Just like last year, the food prepared by Glenda was outstanding. I can only imagine all the time, effort and love that went into the cooking and presentation. A huge thank you to Glenda and Harmon for the incredible meal they provided.

As much fun as we all had, it was also sad when we recall who we've lost. We lost our littlest member Keira, and one of our long time members Jimmy Merrigan this year.

We think of them often...and when we do, they are with us once again.

I'd like to wish all our membership, and their families, a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best Wishes,

~Mike

## Nostalgia Night Reminder

By Mike Terre



Dan Spera and I are sponsoring "Nostalgia Night" this coming March. Do you have a special old model, either built or unbuilt?

Well bring it in! I'll be bringing in the Revell AeroBee Hi sounding rocket, circa 1958, that I built as a weekend project over Christmas.

Maybe you've got an unbuilt kit with a old hobby shop price tag on it, perhaps some old instruction sheets or box art, some old (vintage?) advertisements, even old glue and paint! Whatever you have please bring it to the meeting.

You can lay your stuff out on the tables for other members to see. It'd be great if you can stand up and give a little talk (Mike Pavlo and Mike D. did a great job last year!) but it's not necessary.





We had a great time with Nostalgia Night last year, let's see if we can better it this year. This isn't a competition, anybody can participate. The only prizes will be the memories that will be brought back. So please bring in what you can and share it

with fellow club members. It should be fun. Thanks for reading.

~Mike

## Case V Series Tractor Thunder Models, 1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale By Big Bill Schwarz



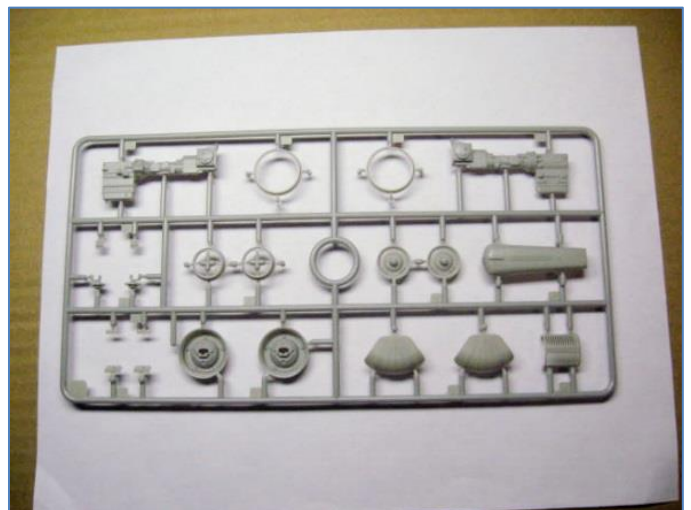
many in use today, with many in newly restored condition.

The kit is laid out on 2 main sprues of plastic, 4 very nice vinyl tires, and a decal sheet with both US Army and Civilian Markings. Also included is a painting guide with color photos. One OD Green, the Other Case orange which is obtainable in many places even Home Depot. The instructions are clear.

When building, remember to tweak the fan blade ends 45 degrees or no air to the cooling system. The included small brass sheet included makes up, the floorboards, set post assembly, and dashboard. If you are going to wire this kit you only need a few strands just

Boys! As most of you know, I always look for out of the normal subjects to model. This kit is definitely one of them. It's a case "V" series farm tractor in 1/35th scale, by a relative newcomer, Thunder Models. It seems to be Chinese in origin. Take a look at the pics to see the contents. My comments on this kit will be simple. Very Very nice. The molds are slide type and have great detail and low parts count, just like the real tractor.

This kit was produced for a few reasons, I think, mostly that they can be built both civilian and military. The armed services used them all over the world during the war years. Farmers used them and there are still

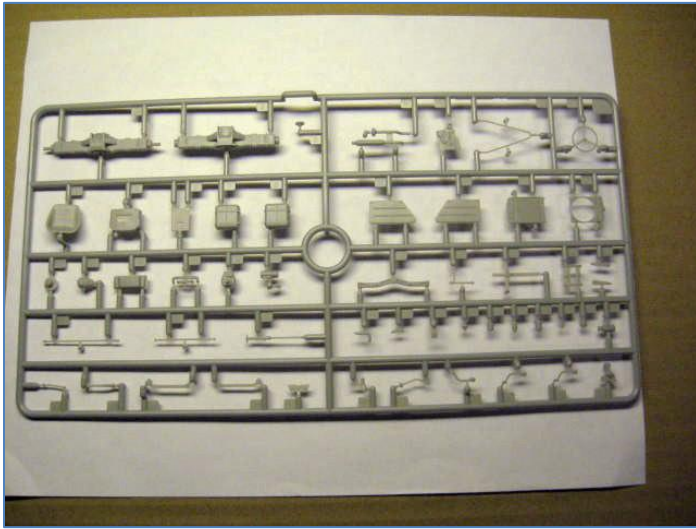


like the real one!

I recommend this kit to anyone who likes

tractors, or wants something different!

Regards, Big Bill



## Building the Glencoe Thor Missile

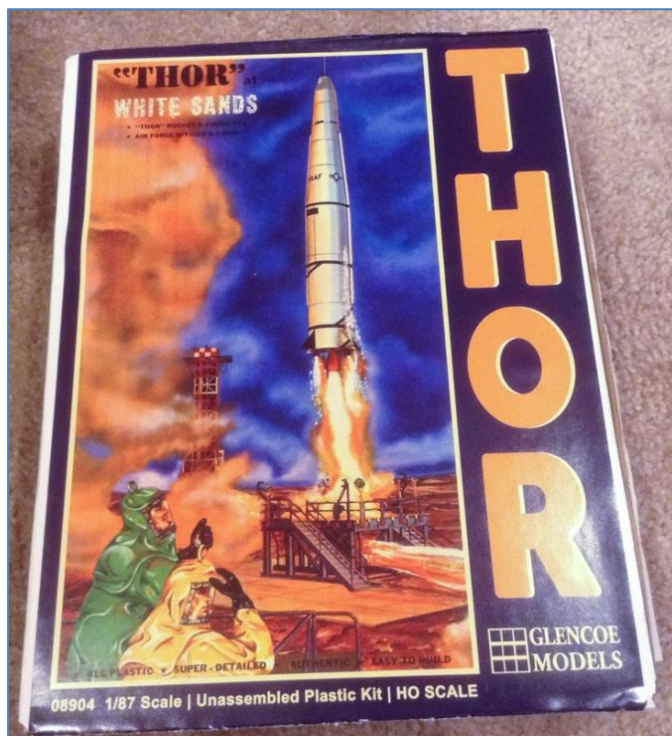
By Mike Terre

I have been recovering in the past few months from a case of "modelers burnout". Complex vacuform builds, taking three or four months to complete have been taking a toll on my modeling spirit. I looked back fondly at the much simpler models I built as

a kid and the simple enjoyment I found in simply painting and gluing the parts together. There was no photo-etched parts to worry about, no worry about "silvering" decals, no perfect paint scheme, you just built the model.







Lately I've been building reissues of vintage kits and have found the simple joys of building a model over the course of a weekend. In this spirit I'd like to tell you about my build of the Glencoe Thor missile.

This kit was first issued by Adams Model in 1958 and this is the first reissue since that date. The original "Adams Action Model 1958" is still molded on the reverse of one of the parts. I've taken a picture of this marking and hope it comes out in the article.

The kit comes in two plastic bags, the first contains the Thor missile comprising eight parts of white plastic, the second contains the launch pad comprising about thirty parts of dark gray plastic. You also get some figures, two guys in protective suits, a technician and an officer directing the servicing of the missile.

The box art is an exact copy of the old Adams artwork and really carries the spirit of late 1950's rocket technology. That artwork made kids buy models back in the day and it still works for me today. The box states the model

is to 1/87th HO scale but it looks closer to 1/72 scale. There is amazingly little flash on the parts considering the age of the molds.

Now let's get the "historical inaccuracies" out of the way. Yes, the Thor was never launched from White Sands New Mexico, nor did it use the launch pad supplied with the kit. In fact Adams used the launch pad from their Vanguard model (recently reissued by Glencoe) in the Thor kit to cut costs. And you thought Hasagawa was the first to repackage models! Yes, I know the launch pad railings are way over scale and should be replaced but WHO CARES! Let's just build the model and have a little fun.

The Thor missile went together in about fifteen minutes. The fit of the parts rivaled those of modern kits with no filler needed. Just a light sanding of the seams and that was it. The tail fin and nose cone fits were perfect requiring no filling at all. I primed the Thor with automotive primer and then a final coat coat of Krylon Gloss Brilliant White. Glencoe had done a very good job



with the decals, surprisingly there's a lot for a missile, and they went on without a hitch. I've read that the markings are not accurate but they looked just fine to me and this was a fun build so who the devil cares. After drying overnight the Thor was given a top





coat of Krylon Clear Gloss and that was it! I spent about four working hours total on assembling the Thor. Now on to the launch pad.

The "inaccurate" launch pad was a joy to build. The only problem was the mold lines on the "over scale" railings which had to be removed. You really had to follow the instructions and build in the steps indicated or you could not access portions of the launch pad. There are a series of water pipes and associated valves, used for cooling that are part of the kit. I found that these parts were "keyed" to prevent inadvertent assembly in the wrong position. This "keying" was also used on the launch pad stairs and railings. Nice touch for an almost sixty year old kit and the fit was superb.

The launch pad was painted in dark grey automotive primer, with certain sub-assemblies like the blast trough and water pipes in flat black. As per the instructions the water pipe valves were painted red.....I mean what other color would you use for a water valve on a missile launch pad? Every kid in the 50's would automatically know it had to be red! The launch pad also had an emergency wash sink, nicely molded, in the event a technician got rocket fuel on him. Additional items on the launch pad were four

flood lights and a hand cranked hoist. The flood light bodies were painted flat aluminum with the lens portion old fashioned Testors Silver over coated with Tamiya clear. And yes it still takes Testors Silver at least a week to dry! (Still have a couple of bottles of the stuff with fifteen cents marked on the label) The hoist was painted yellow and in my vanity I decided to detail this one poor part! I added a hand crank, made from copper wire along with a hoist cable and hook made from sewing thread coated with super glue.

I highlighted the steps and railings with a little Rub-in-Buff silver, dry brushed other exposed parts with a little flat black and used a some black pastel in the exhaust areas.

Now remember I said there were four figures that came with the kit? Two of them are in protective suits and these were painted yellow with a satin over coating. Now here's a cool thing, the decal sheet has these tiny "Air Force" logos that go on the back of each of the exposure suits. By the way the original Adams decal sheet had them as well. These figures are posed as if working on the model, one looks like he's holding an electrical line or hose which I added using a piece of copper wire painted black. The other two figures, a officer directing the work and a







technician running up the launch pad steps were painted as per the instructions. I spent about twelve hours building the launch pad bring total assembly time to about sixteen very enjoyable hours.

This was just plain fun to build. I know there's a lot of builders who go for extreme accuracy in their models however that can take a toll in the enjoyment of the hobby. Sometimes going back to basics and having a little fun is the right thing to do! Now that I feel recharged it's time for the RosePlane 1/72 Siemens Schuckert DDR-1 vacuform kit! Go ahead and Google it.....now that's gonna be an epic build!

Thanks for reading, best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year, now get down to your bench and start the New Year off right by building something!

## From the Editor

By Devin Poore

Happy 2017 to everyone. Sorry to have missed the meeting last month, but leaving work late and traffic conspired against my attendance. I plan on being better prepared this month.

As most of you know, this is the last edition of the newsletter I'm editing. I appreciate the messages I've gotten from club members, and even from members of other clubs around the country, saying how much they've enjoyed the newsletter. That means a lot. I've been informed that Bill Shroter is our new newsletter editor. Thanks, Bill! I'll of course be helping out Bill initially with a turnover of all the relevant files and information, and continue to upload the newsletter to the website every month.

This month's "something I learned at work" bit is about Draw Decal. They specialize in civilian aircraft markings, mostly airliners (the most relevant to my job) but also fire

bombers, air racers, and restored warbirds currently on the show circuit. We found [Draw Decal](#) while searching for markings for the 1/87<sup>th</sup> scale aircraft we'll be building for the working airport at [Gulliver's Gate](#). Their



products really suit us as they print on-demand, and can re-scale as needed. When you're looking for 1/87<sup>th</sup> scale airliner livery, the custom print on-demand is critical.



In order to practice on something low-stress before I need to decal several dozen motorized and illuminated airliners, I picked up their 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale markings for the P-51C air racer "Thunderbird". Remember those snap-fit Pegasus kits we got from Bill years ago? Well, now I'll finally have a compelling reason to finish the P-51B model that's been lying about "almost done" all this time.

MosquitoCon updates are going on the website as soon as I get them. The countdown timer should be up this weekend. REMINDER: I may need someone to handle photography this year. If interested, please let me know at the meeting or email me.

Finally, I'm going to host a Primary and Secondary Colors Night this coming September. One of the things I really love about my job is that I get to use all of the bright colors that we often ignore on military models. So this contest will be for models of green and blue and purple and orange. The requirement is to use a primary or secondary shade as the predominate color in the scheme. You can do a firebomber, an air racer, a figure, a sci-fi kit, a car or truck, a ferry boat, fire truck. Basically anything with color. More details to come.

That's all. Have a great week, and see everyone on Friday.

*~Devin*



This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**

**January 13th, 2017**



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